

## **FERTILITY RATE FOR GIRLS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER**

### **Objective**

By 1990, there should be almost no unintended births to girls 14 years of age and under. (Note: The assumption is made that all births to this age group are unintended.)

### **Explanatory Notes**

For this report, the fertility rate is calculated as the number of resident live births to girls 14 or younger per 1,000 female population ages 10-14.

### **Findings**

A total of 358 births occurred to North Carolinians 14 or younger in 1986. The N.C. rate has consistently run above the nation's and projections to 1990 indicate that the state rate may increase. The nation also is not expected to meet this objective (3).

### **Data Sources**

North Carolina: State Center for Health Statistics  
United States: National Center for Health Statistics